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District of Columbia Man Sentenced to 15 Years in Prison for Bank Robbery Spree

Washington, D.C. - A 51-year-old District of Columbia man, Mark Stubblefield, was sentenced to 15 years in prison today for committing six bank robberies and attempting to rob a seventh bank, all during a three-month crime spree that occurred in 2008, Acting U.S. Attorney Channing D. Phillips, Joseph Persichini, Jr., Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI's Washington Field Office, and Metropolitan Police Department Chief Cathy L. Lanier, announced. Stubblefield was sentenced in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia by the Honorable Henry H. Kennedy. Following his release from prison, Stubblefield will have to pay \$15,594 in restitution to the banks and serve an additional three years of supervised release.

A federal jury found defendant Stubblefield guilty on all counts following a three-week trial before Judge Kennedy in January and February of 2009. At trial, the government's evidence established that between January 29, 2008, and April 21, 2008, Stubblefield robbed Washington First Bank three times, United Bank two times, and Commerce Bank one time. He also attempted to rob Urban Trust Bank. All of the banks are located in downtown Washington, D.C.

During each of the robberies, Stubblefield either said or did something that led the victims to believe that he was armed. Collectively, Stubblefield stole over \$15,000 from the banks. The government also showed that the defendant robbed a branch of the Bank of America in Arlington, Virginia, on April 25, 2008, as part of his spree.

In announcing today's sentence, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips, FBI Assistant Director in Charge Persichini, and MPD Chief Lanier commended the exceptional investigative work of the FBI Washington Field Office, Metropolitan Police Detective Elmer Baylor, the entire joint FBI/MPD Bank Robbery Task Force, and MPD Officer Michael Bialeski, who provided essential assistance throughout the trial. They additionally recognized the work of Paralegals Taryn McLaughlin and Quynh Ha, who provided technical support during trial, and Victim Advocates Jennifer Garner and Yvonne Bryant, who worked with over a dozen civilian witnesses who testified at trial. They also thanked Paralegals Kim Hall, Barbara Necastro, and Phaylyn Hunt, and Legal Assistants LaToya Wade and Priscilla Hutson, all of whom provided administrative support. Lastly, they commended Assistant U.S. Attorneys Catherine K. Connelly and Stephanie Brooker, who investigated and prosecuted the case.

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